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within five working days after debarring or suspending a contractor or modifying or rescinding such an action.

- (2) Maintain agency-wide records of debarred or suspended contractors in accordance with FAR 9.404.
- (b) Contracting activities shall provide an effective system to ensure that contracting staff consult the "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs" prior to soliciting offers from, awarding or extending contracts to, or consenting to subcontracts with contractors on the list.

2809.405 Effect of listing.

- (a) Contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment are excluded from receiving contracts, and bureaus shall not solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with these contractors, unless the HCA determines that there is a compelling reason for such action and the PE approves such determinations.
- (b) Bids received from any listed contractor in response to an invitation for bids shall be entered on the abstract of bids, and rejected unless the HCA determines in writing that there is a compelling reason to consider the bid and the PE approves such action.
- (c) Proposals, quotations, or offers received from any listed contractor shall not be evaluated for award or included in the competitive range, nor shall discussions be conducted with a listed offeror during a period of ineligibility, unless the HCA determines in writing that there is a compelling reason to do so and the PE approves such action.

2809.405-1 Continuation of current contracts.

(a) In accordance with FAR 9.405-1, contracting activities may continue contracts or subcontracts in existence at the time a contractor is suspended or debarred unless it is determined that termination of the contract is in the best interest of the Government. In making this determination, contracting activities shall consider the seriousness of the act or omission leading to the debarment or suspension, the effect of debarment or suspension on the contractor's ability to continue

operations, and the Department's ability to safeguard its interests and receive satisfactory performance.

(b) Contracting activities shall not renew or otherwise extend the duration of current contracts, or consent to subcontracts, with contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, unless the HCA states, in writing, the compelling reasons for renewal or extension and the PE approves such action.

Subpart 2809.5—Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest

2809.503 Waiver.

The HCA may waive any general rule or procedure of FAR 9.5 by determining that its application in a particular situation would not be in the Government's interest.

PART 2811—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS

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2811.001 Definitions.

Dual systems means the use of both inch-pound and metric systems. For example, an item is designed, produced and described in inch-pound values with soft metric values also shown for information or comparison purposes.

Hybrid systems means the use of both inch-pound and standard metric values in specifications, standards, supplies, and services; e.g., an engine with internal parts in metric dimensions and external fittings or attachments in inch-pound dimensions.